

**IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| APPLICANT:      | Philipp W. Kutter   |
| SERIAL NO.:     | 09/921,298  |
| FILING DATE:    | August 1, 2001  |
| TITLE:          | Methods and Systems for Direct Execution of XML Documents |
| EXAMINER:       | Andre R. Fowlkes  |
| GROUP ART UNIT: | 2192  |
| ATTY. DKT. NO.: | 22358-04989   |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION FOR RCE**

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 12, 2007, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance.